AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) Facts are being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Murders and Kidnappings in Delhi

2127. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a marked increase in murders and kidnapping cases in the Capital (Delhi) during 1991; if so, the comparative figures for 1991, 1990 and 1989;

(b) the reasons to which such increase has been attributed; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to meet the situation in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) There has been increase in cases of murder and kidnapping in the Capital during 1991. The figures for 1989, 1990 and 1991 are as under:

Year	Murder	Kidnapping
1989	351	644
1990	394	657
1991	496	658

(b) The main reasons for increase in the crime are rapid urbanisation and increase in population.

(c) The steps taken by Delhi Police to curb crime include increased patrolling; posting of pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence; frequent raids at the hideouts of criminals; increased surveillance; coordination meetings with the officials of the neighbouring states; training of police officers in handling modern weapons; and modernisation of communication network.

Increase in Population

2128. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the increase in population recorded as per census 1991, during the decade 1981—90, and the growth rate of population recorded in each State/Union Territory during the decade as compared to the previous decade;

(b) the States which have registered a decline in the growth rate and also those which have registered an increase and the extent thereof; and

(c) the increase in rural and urban population and the growth rate in each sector, State/UT-wise and the male-female break up thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The increase in population recorded in the 1991 Census over the population as recorded in the 1981 Census, for India, States and Union Territories is given in Column 2 of Annexure No. 49 and the growth rates of population during the decades 1981-91 and 1971-81 for India, States and Union Territories are shown in Cols. 5 and 8 respectively of Annexure No. 48. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 48)

(b) The names of the States/Union Territories which have registered a decline in the growth rate during the decade 1981-91 compared to 1971-81, and the names of the States/Union Territories which have registered an increase in the growth rate during the decade 1981-91 compared to 1971-81 are given in Annexure No. 51 enclosed. The percentage decline in the growth rate and the percentage increase in the growth rate are also indicated against the State/Union Territories concerned in the same annexure. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 51)

(c) The increase in rural and urban population is furnished in Columns 3 and 4 of Annexure No. 48 for persons, in columns 3 and 4 of Annexure No. 49 for males and columns 3 and 4 of Annexure